

SUBJECT No. 149.

Introduction of Book-keeping as one of the optional subjects for the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination.

Mr. Ibrahim Khan, Sira taluk.

*Note.*—Not discussed owing to absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Discontinuance of religious instruction in secular educational institutions.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Orders may be passed for the discontinuance of religious instruction in educational institutions.

It was represented that religious education should be left to parents. It was impossible to give religious instruction suited to children of all religions. It was sufficient if arrangements were made to give proper moral instruction.

*Rev. H. Gulliford* stated that the subject had been examined by a committee who had prepared a syllabus. If that was adopted it would provide all the moral instruction that was necessary. Government should not undertake to give religious instruction.

Other members pointed out that religious instruction had been introduced at the instance of the Representative Assembly and it would be inexpedient to revert to the old system.

The question was put to vote, with the result that 113 votes were against the discontinuance and 7 for it.

*Reply of Government.*—Will not be discontinued.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Concession to failed candidates in the Lower Secondary Examination.

Mr. B. / Rangarajaiya, Mudgere taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The concession shown to students appearing for higher examinations (*viz.*, to appear again only in the subject or subjects in which they have failed) may be extended also to candidates appearing for the Lower Secondary examination.

*Reply of Government.*—Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Prohibition of private tuition by school masters.

Mr. Sitaramiah, Hiriyur taluk.

*Note.*—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Abolition of the Central Book Depot at Bangalore.

Mr. V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Curator's office at Bangalore is not very beneficial to the public, considering the sum of money spent on it. The people will be greatly benefited, if, instead of this, the Government taluk book-depots and the private book-depots are allowed a fixed amount of commission and are entrusted with the work of selling books and Government Notifications. Government may kindly sanction this.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered if a satisfactory scheme is brought forward.